



APPENDIX C - KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

NATIONAL CHESS

FEDERATION (NCF): BAHAMAS CHESS FEDERATION

CONTINENT: AMERICAS (Caribbean)

DEVELOPMENT LEVEL: 5

PERIOD: Jan 2019-December 2019

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)¹ are the critical (key) indicators of progress toward an intended result.

The NCF is required to measure the effectiveness of its programmes using the KPIs listed below. The NCF is expected to complete both the Baseline and End of period values. It is possible that a Federation may not be able to report on a particular KPI and this will be taken into consideration at the end of the reporting period. NCFs can also make use of the '**Comments**' field as required. The NCF is also allowed to include any additional KPIs that it considers to be relevant for reporting purposes.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	Baseline- 2018 ²	End of Period	Comments
No. of FIDE rated players	18 Active 37 Full	20 Active 38 Full	23 Added without rating
Certified Arbiters	2	2 Active 5 NA	In 2019, 5 passed the Arbiter Seminar
Certified Trainers	3	23	
Average rating of top 10 players	1738 Active	1757 Active	
Average no. of rated games by top 10 players	20	17.6	
No. of participants in international chess tournaments	10	19	
No. of Players on FIDE List	113	144	
No. of Affiliated clubs	1	3	
No. of School Chess Teachers	3 None Certified teachers	3 Certified Chess in Schools, 6 Non certified	

¹ <https://kpi.org/KPI-Basics>

² NCF to populate these fields with the current values of each KPI as at the beginning of the programme/project period.



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Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	Baseline- 2018 ²	End of Period	Comments
		teachers	
No. of schools with chess programmes	None	None	8 schools have active clubs
No. of students in chess in school programmes	N/A	N/A	243 students in active clubs
No. of Positive or neutral articles & media coverage incl. social media	20	24	
No. of chess sponsors	3	8	
No. Of Strategic Partners e.g. NOC	0	0	
OTHER-Please specify			

On behalf of FEDERATION

President Bahamas Chess Federation

Date: 14 January 2019



APPENDIX D – REPORT ON FUNDING

NATIONAL CHESS FEDERATION (NCF): BAHAMAS CHESS FEDERATION

CONTINENT: AMERICAS

DEVELOPMENT LEVEL: 5

Please complete ALL requested fields in this report.

1. Programme/Project Name:

Bahamas Chess Advancement 2019 Project-

2. Programme/Project Dates:

July –December 2019

3. Summary of Project Outcomes:

We achieved our goals along with the following accomplishments this summer:

- Because of FIDE's support we were able to successfully fund The First BCF free Chess Summer camp which attracted 50 remarkable kids and ran from July 1st – July 26th, 2019
- Certified 21 new Chess Trainers
- Certified 12 new School Chess Instructors
- 5 Bahamian arbiters successfully passed the Arbiters Seminar
- Supported the travel of a contingent of 12 amazing kids who represented the Bahamas at the North American Youth Chess Championship in Canada.
- Several of the new Trainers and Teachers have started school clubs and the BCF is assisting in their development.
- We connected with 2 Chess club on Grand Bahamas Island.
- We began the process of monitoring school chess clubs.
- We acquired 25 Demo Boards to assist with the development of clubs.

Please see the attached document for more detailed information.



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4. Breakdown of Funding Usage (Please provide supporting documents as far as possible):

Bahamas Funding Usage					
Item #	Event	Date	Budgeted	Spent	Attached document
1	Trainers Advancement Project- onsite Trainers seminar – (Centreville Medical Center)	July 26-29, 2019	\$6,000	\$7,452.50	ONE
2	Online Arbiters Seminars 68th Internet based FIDE Arbiters' Seminar	September 6-9th 2019	\$2,000	\$2,122.36	FOUR
3	Online Chess in Education School Instructor Seminar	August 8- 11th, 2019	\$3,000	\$3,119.03	TWO
4	Online Training Groups for Junior and Senior players.		\$3,000	0	
5	Equipment to Assist with Chess in Schools and Chess Promotion		0	1305.67	FOUR
6	Travel Grant Assistance North American Youth Chess Championship CCA General Assembly in Brazil	August 15-21st, 2019 September 28, 2019	\$3000 \$1000	\$4,000	THREE
	TOTAL		\$18,000	\$18,000	

The Attached document contains the Breakdown of each area



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5. Any funds not yet used? Yes _____ No X

If Yes, please provide reasons and details on how and when the funds will be utilized:

1. For **Online Training Groups for Junior and Senior players.**

We identified 3 groups we wanted to train; The top players, 2 Groups of juniors, and continuous training to improve the new Trainers and Chess School teachers.

Unfortunately, because of Hurricane Dorian, it had to be postponed. People were dealing with missing or lost loved ones, and too much was going on in the country. Internet and power were also not stable at the time.

This has been postponed until 2020.

2. Although we did not receive funding for **the Equipment**, we purchased 25 demo Boards to assist the Trainers and Teachers, especially those who are starting new clubs.

6. **Lessons Learned/Future Improvements:**

Many lessons and a lot of experience were gained from this Project.

- We need to offer more continuous training for our Trainers, coaches and Chess School Teachers to help improve their level which will benefit their students.
- We learnt the difference in the goals for Chess in Schools and competitive chess clubs. This will help us better understand the needs of and how to support both groups.
- We have made more contacts within the Ministry of Education and with the National Drug Council, who will be able to give us better access to school teachers.
- After several successful Online Seminars, we learnt the importance of utilizing technology for training and seminars.
- Online seminars have its challenges, especially in a social country. These included lack of laptop (solved by cellphones app, not ideal though) Power and internet outages. Lack of social interaction, support, and validation by group members
- We have a lot of improvements to make from; the Management of events. Registration for the events (a few registered but did not attend), if possible social activities for attendees.

On behalf of FEDERATION

President Bahamas Chess Federation

Date: **14 January 2020**

ATTACHMENT I – Onsite FIDE trainers Seminar

The Seminar was very successful it was supported by the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Youth and Sports

- Held July 27th – 29th, 2019
- 28 participants registered, 21 participated
- 21 Successfully received Trainers titles, 19 Developmental Instructor, 1 National Instructor, 1 FIDE Instructor (The First FI for the Bahamas)
- GM Darcy Lima taught the course
- DI Delroy Stuart, NI Antoinette Seymour, and DI David Sands Started outside Chess clubs
- DI Pamela Philadelphia, DI Nelissa Thomas started chess clubs in their schools
- DI David Sands and FI Cecil Moncur continued their Private School clubs.
- DI Nathaniel Higgs initiated mini chess in schools project with the Ministry of Education
- The BCF donated sets to several of the trainers to support their clubs.

Website Links

FIDE Titles - Trainers Commission website. All were approved

<https://fidetrainers.blogspot.com/2019/08/report-fide-trainers-seminar-in-nassau.html>

DI Nathaniel Higgs Chess in School with the Ministry of Education

<https://thenassauguardian.com/2019/09/07/chess-in-school-program-to-get-underway-this-semester/>

Bahamas Chess Federation page, a representative from the Ministry of Education, presented the Certificates.

<http://www.bahamaschess.org/fide-trainers-seminar-2019.html>

Item	Date	Cost
Hotel, flight, teaching fee in us 3000 US	27-Jul-19	\$3,018.00
Lunch Pizza 25 People	27-Jul-19	\$163.44
35 Plates 100 Cups Supervalu	27-Jul-19	\$14.54
Coffee, Tea Snacks 25 People, Dunkin Donuts	27-Jul-19	\$112.77
Cold Drinks and Cups Centreville Market	27-Jul-19	\$35.28
Coffee, Tea Snacks 25 People, Dunkin Donuts	28-Jul-19	\$95.05
30 Laminated Glossy Certificates	29-Jul-19	\$94.00
Security for 2 days	30-Jul-19	\$155.25
Shirts 28 Adult	30-Jul-19	\$564.17
Trainer Seminar Fees	15-Oct-19	\$2,100.00
21 FIDE Title Fees	15-Oct-19	\$1,100.00
TOTAL		\$7,452.50

ATTACHMENT II – Online School Chess Teacher Seminar

The Online Chess School Teacher Seminar was successful; several teachers from around the country signed up. The teachers were

- Held August 8th -11th 2019
- 17 Registered, 12 Attended
- 10 Passed the exam
- The Olympia Chess Academy ran the course
- Several teachers from who did the Trainers Seminar also participated in the Chess School teacher course.
- Antoinette Newry participated and is running her club at the Centre for the Deaf
- Polina Karelina volunteered to teach Chess at the Ranfurly Home for kids. Houses kids aged 12-18 years old. The BCF donated ten sets to the orphanage that has an influx of kids from Dorian affected areas.

Website Links

Bahamas Chess Federation Website

<http://www.bahamaschess.org/chess-school-instructor-2019.html>

Facebook post by Trainer

<https://www.facebook.com/chessplus.net/posts/710392332716296>

Chess School Teacher Seminar Financial Report

Item	Cost
Cost 17 Students	(\$3,703.47)
Refund of 3 students	\$584.44
Total	(\$3,119.03)

ATTACHMENT III – Travel Grant Assistance

1. North American Youth Chess Championship

- Held in Kingston Ontario Canada, August 15th – 21st 2019
- 12 Kids, including two females, participated from the Bahamas. 14 Person delegations along with seven parents supported the players.
- For 8 of the players, this was their first international competition
- 3 Kids from the BGT inner City Club did not have to pay for anything for the Trip.
- The Trip succeeded in increasing interest locally and was published in the local papers.

Bahamas Chess Federation Website

<http://www.bahamaschess.org/north-american-youth-2019.html>

<http://www.tribune242.com/news/2019/sep/11/junior-chess-players-return-home-with-23-team/>

North American Youth Chess Championship							
Type	Category	Name	Hotel Cost	Dinner 6 days	Half Ticket	Cost	Guardian
EXTRA	Under 10 Absolute	Max White				\$0.00	Spencer White
Official	Under 12 Absolute	Avian Pride	705.22	100	300	\$1,105.22	Curtis Pride Sr / Elton Joseph
Official	Under 14 Absolute	Noah Albury	705.22	100	300	\$1,105.22	Elton Joseph
EXTRA	Under 14 Absolute	Adam Clarke			0	\$0.00	Sherry Clarke
EXTRA	Under 16 Absolute	Aiden Mart			0	\$0.00	Elizabeth Mart
Official	Under 16 Absolute	Curtis Pride		100	300	\$400.00	Curtis Pride Sr/ Elton Joseph
Official	Under 16 Female	Trinity Pinder	705.22	*100	300	\$1,005.22	Elton Joseph
Official	Under 18 Absolute	Malik Sands	705.22	100	300	\$1,105.22	Dr. Sands
Official	Under 18 Female	Polina Karelina		*100	300	\$300.00	Elton Joseph
Official	Under 10 Absolute	Lheerin Hanchell	705.22	100	300	\$1,105.22	Nicola Hanchell
Official	Under 8 Absolute	Lhale Hanchell		100	300	\$400.00	Nicola Hanchell
EXTRA	Under 10 Absolute	Joshua Komolafe			0	\$0.00	Arinthia S. Komolafe
	Delegate	Dr. David Sands				\$300.00	
	Coach	Elton Joseph				\$0.00	
TOTAL						\$6,826.10	

2. CCA General Assembly

- Held September 27th – 30th
- Dr. David Sands attended from the Bahamas
- A brief report of the meeting was delivered by Dr. Sands.

CCA General Assembly

Dr. David Sands 1 Ticket to Brazil	\$1,000
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ATTACHMENT IV – FIDE Arbiters Seminar

The 68th Internet based FIDE Arbiters' Seminar took place from September 6th to the 9th. The seminar was a great success; a few of the new arbiters already started assisting at BCF tournaments.

Space was available, so several regional allies were invited to attend.

- 13 Participants from 4 federations participated. 11 Passed.
- All 5 of the BCF participants passed
- 4 Females attended and passed the course.

FIDE Arbiters Commission report

<http://arbiters.fide.com/seminars/reportsresults-for-completed-seminars/1207-68th-fide-internet-based-fide-arbiters-seminar-report.html>

Bahamas Chess Federation Website

<http://www.bahamaschess.org/arbiters-seminar-2019.html>

Fide Arbiters Seminar Financial Report

Item	Date	Cost
IA Hal Bond Co-Lecturer Stipend	6-Sep-19	\$1,000
Aris Marghetis – Co-Lecturer Stipend	6-Sep-19	\$1,000
Paypal transfer Fee		\$90.90
BHS to USD transfer Fee		\$31.36
TOTAL		\$2,122.26

Chess in Schools Demo Boards Financial Report

Item	Date	Cost
25 Chess Sets For Teachers and Clubs	13-Nov-19	\$780.49
Shipping and Customs and Vat	3-Jan-19	\$525.18
TOTAL		\$1,305.67

On behalf of FEDERATION



President Bahamas Chess Federation

Date: 14 January 2020

Sports

Chess in School program to get underway this semester



September 7, 2019 Simba French 0 1327 Views

With government schools set to open on Monday in New Providence, the Bahamas Chess Federation (BCF) in conjunction with the Ministry of Education will launch a pilot program geared towards getting chess in schools this new school year.

Spearheading this initiative is Nathaniel Higgs, the developmental chess trainer of the BCF.



Participants at the World Chess Federation (FIDE) Trainer's Seminar.

BCF hosts FIDE Trainer's Seminar

Another milestone has been achieved by the Bahamas Chess Federation (BCF) as they partnered with the Ministry of Education; the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture; and Fédération Internationale des Échecs (FIDE), and recently hosted a free FIDE Trainer's Seminar.

The intense three-day seminar took place at Centreville Medical Centre from July 27 to July 29, culminating with a final exam.

Successful candidates were awarded one of four titles - FIDE Trainer, FIDE Instructor, National Instructor or Developmental Instructor.

The international certification will be recognized by federations around the world. These titles will

also enable recipients to travel to international chess competitions as a head coach, to be certified to offer private lessons, run chess clubs and, most importantly, to be able to give back to the community by sharing the gift of chess.

The instructor for the seminar was FIDE Trainer Darcy Lima. Lima is a chess grandmaster and deputy president of International Chess Federation for Americas (CCA), president of Brazilian Mind Sports Association (ABRESP) and president of the Brazilian Chess Federation. The three-day seminar attracted 23 participants, which included teachers, community center workers, coaches and future constituency club leaders from the

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SPORTS

FIDE Trainers Seminar set for the end of the month



📷 The Bahamas Chess Federation is hosting the FIDE Trainers Seminar 2019 at the end of the month. The event is being sponsored by the Mednet Group of Companies, and will be held at the Centreville Medical Centre. FILE



Bahamas Chess Fed hosts Trainers Seminar



● **LISTEN-UP:** Participants of the World Chess Fed Trainers Seminar

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The seminar attracted 23 participants—teachers, community centre workers, coaches and future constituency club leaders from the islands of Grand Bahama, Andros and New Providence.

Evon Wisdom, Senior Education Officer, Interscholastic Sport, at the Ministry of Education, encouraged seminar participants to use the knowledge they gained to assist young persons in their communities: "Impart the skills you have attained

during this seminar to some child; you will appreciate giving back and helping someone else more than anything else you do. That is what this certification is for.

"If you get this certification and all you want it for is to travel, that is not a ministry, that is something that benefits you. There are many children throughout our community who are challenged but have an innate talent. You have something, you have a skill. Spread the love!"

The free FIDE Trainers Seminar was part of the BCF's "Summer of Chess". The Summer of Chess kicked off with the free BCF month-long chess summer camp, followed by the FIDE Trainer's Seminar.

The Summer of Chess will culminate with the free "Chess in Education School Instructor Online Seminar". The goal of the seminar is to train teachers how to use chess as a teaching aid.

"I am happy with the seminar turnout. BCF has taken another great step forward, it was a very informative and educational seminar," exclaimed **Elton Joseph**, President, Bahamas Chess Federation.

"The BCF Executive Committee would like to thank the Ministries and the **MedNet Group of Companies**, a sponsor of the seminar, for working with us on this very important project. The BCF will support our great participants who have taken up the mantle to equip themselves to assist in the development of our nation.

"We also look forward to the final event of our BCF Summer of the Chess initiative, our free Chess in Education School Instructor Online Seminar. Our goal is to attract participants from more than three islands for this seminar."

EDUCATION

Educators learn how to use chess as a pedagogical aid



Fifteen teachers participated in an online certification course to learn how the game of chess could be utilized as a learning tool, which has resulted in The Bahamas now having 30 European Chess Union (ECU) certified chess school instructors and two Bahamas Chess Federation (BCF) chess school instructors, as 12 participants passed.

The chess school teacher course was the final initiative in BCF's "Summer of Chess" series. The Ministry of Education partnered with BCF to ensure that teachers around the

country were given the opportunity to adapt to another educational tool - chess - to enhance learning and supplement classroom teaching.

The course has been taught to teachers throughout Europe and was designed to train teachers on how to use chess as an educational aid. The course focuses on the development of the mental abilities and moral understanding of students more than on winning or competing.

The 12 participants that passed the course include Sharee Woodside-Wallace, Carlene Woods, Kelsey

Brown, Rickishia Coleby, Chuck R. Smith, Aniolnette Newry, Juffure Azania Collier-Russell, Polina Karelina, Daljah Johnson, Rhonda Kemp, Pamela Philadelphia and Yolande Samuels-Cole.

The Chess School Teacher Course is taught by Olympia Chess Academy and Certified European Chess Union and the International Chess Federation (FIDE).

According to course instructors, studies have shown a strong correlation between learning to play chess and academic performance. Research has proven that students who receive chess instruction

score significantly higher on all measures of academic achievement including math, spatial analysis and non-verbal reasoning ability. One of the essential goals of education, they say, is to teach children to think critically, as students must learn to make reasoned judgments. They say chess is an excellent tool to demonstrate effective critical thinking strategies.

The certificate is endorsed by the Academic Advisory Panel of the Education Commission of the ECU, but does not confer the right to teach in schools.



Request for Expressions of Interest Entry Point Assessment Tool in Literacy, Numeracy, Soft Skills, and Digital Skills "Skills for Current and Future Jobs in The Bahamas"



The Inter-American Development Bank and the Government of The Bahamas (GoB) signed the loan Contract No. 3787/OC-BA for the execution of the investment programme "Skills for Current and Future Jobs in The Bahamas" (98H-13037). The general objective of the Programme is to increase the employability and quality of employment of beneficiaries, by improving access to quality jobs in The Bahamas, with particular emphasis on youth, in three strategic sectors: maritime, medical services and IT/telecommunications. The specific objectives are to: (a) increase relevant skills and employability in productive jobs for Programme beneficiaries; (b) improve the effectiveness of the Public Employment Services (PES); and (c) enhance the capacity of the labour market intelligence system.

The GoB has designated the Ministry of Labour (MOL) as the Programme Executing Agency (PEA). The MOL will establish a Programme Executing Unit (PEU) within its organizational structure under the Office of the Permanent Secretary (PS). Accordingly, the PEU now invites interested eligible firms to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) indicating qualifications and experience required to provide consulting services for the implementation of the Entry Point Assessment Tool in Literacy, Numeracy, Soft Skills and Digital Skills. The contract duration for this

fast is served all day. We enjoyed an evening Our drinks—wine, beer and lemonade, arrived to perfection. Another guest had delicious. All portions are large—expect to share or open seven days a week for breakfast, lunch and dinner, from 8am until. to watch some cricket matches to boot! Tel: 326-4720.

Teachers learn how to use chess in classroom!

★ SOME 15 teachers participated in an online certification course to learn how the game of chess could be utilized as a learning tool in the classroom.

The **Chess School Teacher Course** was the final initiative in The **Bahamas Chess Federation's (BCF)** "Summer of Chess" series. The Ministry of Education partnered with BCF to ensure that teachers throughout The Bahamas were given the opportunity to adapt another educational tool—chess—to enhance learning and supplement classroom teaching.

Course participants hailed from New Providence and Andros. Among the schools represented were the Centre for the Deaf and the University of The Bahamas.

The Chess School Teacher Course was taught by **Olympia Chess Academy** and **Certified European Chess Union (ECU)** and **FIDE**. The course has been taught to teach-

ers throughout Europe and was designed to train teachers how to use chess as an educational aid. The course focuses on the development of mental abilities and the moral understanding of students more than on winning or competing.

Studies have shown a strong correlation between learning to play chess and academic performance. Research has proven that students who receive chess instruction score significantly higher on all measures of academic achievement including math, spatial analysis and non-verbal reasoning ability. One of the essential goals of education is to teach children to think critically; students must learn to make reasoned judgements. Chess is an excellent tool to demonstrate effective critical thinking strategies.

Twelve of the 15 participants passed the course. The Bahamas can now boast of having **10 new ECU Certified Chess School Instructors**

and **two BCF Certified Chess School Instructors**. The Certificate is endorsed by the Academic Advisory Panel of the Education Commission of the ECU. The Certificate does not confer the right to teach in schools. The Certificate is recognised by chess federations across Europe.

"I would like to congratulate the newly certified chess school instructors," said **Elton Joseph**, President, Bahamas Chess Federation.

"Teachers are paramount to student achievement. BCF is happy to partner with the Ministry of Education to equip teachers with a supplemental teaching and learning tool."

Certified Chess School Instructors are **Sharee Woodside-Wallace, Carlene Woods, Ketley Brown, Rickishia Coleby, Chuck R Smith, Antionette Newry, Juffure Azania Collie-Russell, Polina Karellna, Daijah Johnson, Rhonda Kemp, Pamela Philadelphia and Yolande Samuels-Cole.**



● **SHE'S CERTIFIED:** Antionette Newry from the Centre For The Deaf proudly displays her ECU Chess School Instructor certificate

Sip & Scrub:

Friday, September 13,
7pm to 9:30pm. Create

★ WHAT'S ON GUIDE ★

Calicos Islands:
October 18th to 20th,
under the theme
"Intentional Discipline"

Spring form qualifying



during the Euro 2020 group B qual-
ifier against Lithuania, yesterday.
(AP Photo/Mindaugas Kulbis)

Jonathan Ikone's pass
behind the defence for his
third goal in two France
games.

Griezmann's curling
free kick from the left was
headed in by Clément Lenglet
soon after the break.

Substitute Wissam Ben
Nedder added the third
goal in injury time, steering
the ball in from close range
after Nabil Fekir's free kick
was spilled by Gomes.

Turkey and France
ended up 1-1 with 15 points
each at Stade de France
on September 14.

by Conk T



TEAM BAHAMAS: Members of the Bahamas junior chess team.

JUNIOR CHESS PLAYERS RETURN HOME WITH 23 TEAM POINTS

THE Bahamas junior chess team recently returned home from the prestigious North American Youth Chess Championship (NAYCC) with a total of 23 team points.

Although no team member, medalist, team coach and president of The Bahamas Chess Federation, Joseph, said that the team gained valuable international experience.

"As the players improve their chess skills, they bring back their experiences and help develop other players in the Bahamas," he said.

The team's success was a result of their hard work and dedication throughout the tournament.

competitions, and bravely took on the challenge of the NAYCC.

Taking place in Kingston, Ontario, August 15-25, the 2019 NAYCC was a test of endurance and will power for Team Bahamas.

The tournament consisted of nine rounds over six full days of two to five-hour rounds.

Rounds were held in the morning and afternoon with no rest days.

The tournament attracted over 415 participants.

The North American Youth Chess Championship

attracted players from highly competitive chess countries, including the United States,

Canada and Mexico.



PLAYERS follow the chess game on video.

The average rating for the Bahamas is 1,735 which

Competitors at the 2019 NAYCC included players

At the tournament, there were also more than 40 players between the ages of 12 and 18 with FIDE ratings exceeding 2,000.

Team Bahamas got off to a slow start but Aidan Man managed to secure a draw on day 1 of competition with a 1,921 rated player from the United States, a player 700 points higher than Aidan's local rating.

During the tournament, the junior national team impressively took down players from the US and Canada.

The Bahamas junior chess team

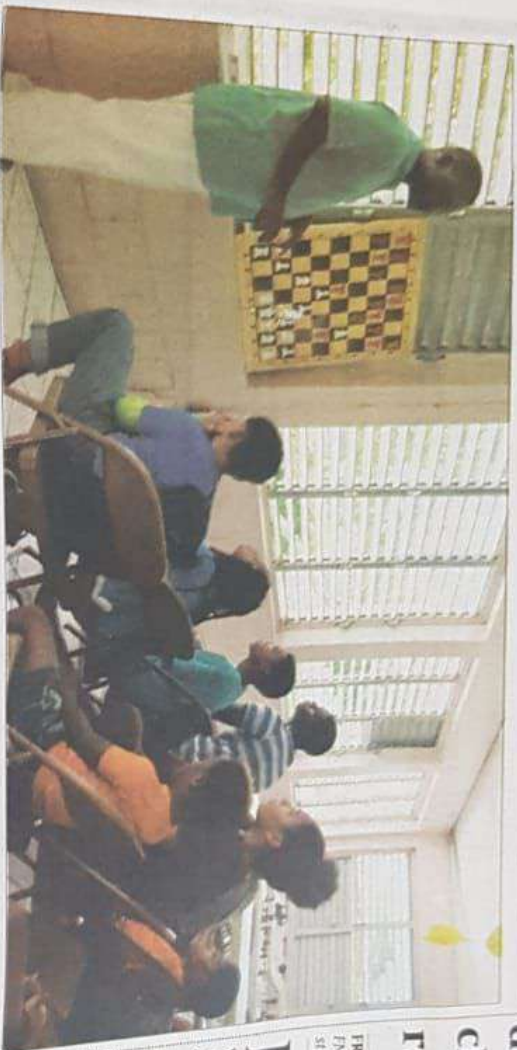
Hospital, MGO Adapters and Post Boxes. "We are very proud of the performance of the Bahamas junior chess team, they did a great job in each of their sections," said Elton Joseph.

"We went to a tournament with very strong players, we gained a lot of experience and managed to get some wins. I would also like to thank our generous sponsors who made this trip possible."

The importance of having the opportunity to compete on the international stage is crucial to local players who wish to pursue chess at a professional level.

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FIDE Master Cecil Moncur reviews chess tactics with campers.

BCF concludes successful summer camp

The Bahamas Chess Federation recently wrapped up its Chess Summer Camp Program at the Holy Family Hall which was held throughout the month of July.

The Chess Summer Camp Program was one of many camps operated under the auspices of the Ministry of Youth, Sports & Culture's yearly National Youth Summer Employment Program and Summer Camp Program. The camps are designed to help to enhance the skills of children, up to the age of 15,

in a range of physical, creative and mental activities. The chess camp's specific goals included exposing more young people to the game of chess, improving students' chess skills and increasing interest in the intellectual sport.

The camp saw children, ranging in age and skill level, brimming with excitement to learn and to participate in healthy competition. It attracted approximately 50 children. Thirty percent of the children had never been exposed to the royal sport of

chess before attending the camp.

Campers improved their chess game while learning important logic and critical thinking skills. The Chess Summer Camp Program was taught by FIDE Master (FM) Cecil "Carver" Moncur, the only FM in The Bahamas.

Moncur was assisted by Diana Williams, Nathaniel A. Higgs, Daljah Johnson, Dr. David Sands and Trinitiy Pinder served as camp volunteers.

Chess, as is true with all sports, offers young people

a myriad of benefits and opportunities. Chess is also one of the most effective ways to improve problem-solving skills and concentration.

Studies have shown that one of the key educational benefits of chess is increasing memory and verbal reasoning skills. When

young people play chess they learn that they need to concentrate and focus on the game. The ability to focus is a skill which is invaluable for performing well at school.

"The camp was fun, they

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determined to make changes as athletes representative

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LIMA, Peru - Elite 400 meters hurdles specialist Jeffery Gibson was elected as the athletes' representative during the recent Bahamas Association of Athletics Association (BAAA) National Championships, staged in Freeport, Grand Bahama.

He values the role. This was evident, when following a fourth place finish in the hurdles final last Thursday in Lima, Peru, at the 18th Pan American Games, his disappointment in not collecting a medal was quite obvious yet he became upbeat to discuss his future plans as the representative for the active athletes.

"Yes, we can do some important things together and I'm up for it," he said at the outset while still breathing heavily from his effort at the National Stadium. He sent out a message to his colleagues.

"I say to all of them, whatever their level, to keep working at their particular event(s). Sit down and think about your goals. Write them out and then make a plan, make a year's plan. This is so that you can try and picture yourself at top events...visualize. My focus,

My focus, as the athletes' rep, is to be available to help them along the way, the junior athletes, the senior athletes, college athletes, help them make it to these kinds of events, eventually.

-JEFFERY GIBSON

as the athletes' rep, is to be available to help them all along the way, the junior athletes, senior athletes, college athletes, help them make it to these kinds of events, eventually," Gibson added.

"Whatever information they need regarding their development, and so that they can make their plans properly, I will seek to provide them," Gibson said. Right out of the blocks, so to speak, he appears to be

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Walmart, Downtown Nassau
(between Senor Frogs and Lukka Kaini)

STARTS @ 7:00PM